

Resources for Minnesota's STARTUP COMMUNITY

Access to Capital:

● Innovation Grants

Grants to high-technology businesses for business operations and SBIR-STTR Matching Grants. Details and application forms at [Launch Minnesota Grants](#).

● Investors in Minnesota

Access investors who match your industry and stage of business. Learn more about [MN investors](#); funds will continue to be added.

● Emerging Entrepreneur Loan Program

Supports businesses owned and operated by minorities, low-income persons, women, veterans and/or persons with disabilities. DEED provides grant funds to a network of nonprofit lenders which use these funds for loans to startups and expanding businesses. [Learn more](#).

● Crowdfunding Sources

[MNvest](#) is a Minnesota law permitting investment crowdfunding, a new way to fund Minnesota's growing businesses.

● Angel Tax Credit

Minnesota provides a [25% credit to investors](#) or investment funds that make equity investments in innovative startup companies. The Minnesota State Legislature has allocated \$10 million for 2021.

● Minnesota SBIR/STTR Accelerator™

The Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Programs are one of the largest sources of early-stage capital for technology commercialization in the United States. [Learn more](#).

Build & Seek Talent:

● Lean Startup Classes

- University of Minnesota (UMN) Carlson School of Management offers a lean startup course for tech entrepreneurs across the state. It's a hands-on program to quickly assess and refine business concepts and to accelerate your progress toward market launch. [Learn more](#).
- Lean startup classes are also being held in locations around Minnesota. [Learn more](#).

● Friday Forums

A monthly gathering to discuss topics being faced by our startup community. Forums allow time to seek guidance and learn from individuals with diverse expertise. They are held the 4th Friday of each month. [Learn more](#).

● MN Exchange

A statewide program to help innovators and entrepreneurs find the right support/expert advisors and to bring avenues for engagement, networking, and project development to startups at different stages of growth. [Learn more](#).

● SciTech Internship

SciTech connects STEM college students (science, technology, engineering and math) to paid internships that provide rewarding hands-on experience in small Minnesota businesses. [Learn more](#).

Connect with the Community:

● Regional Networks

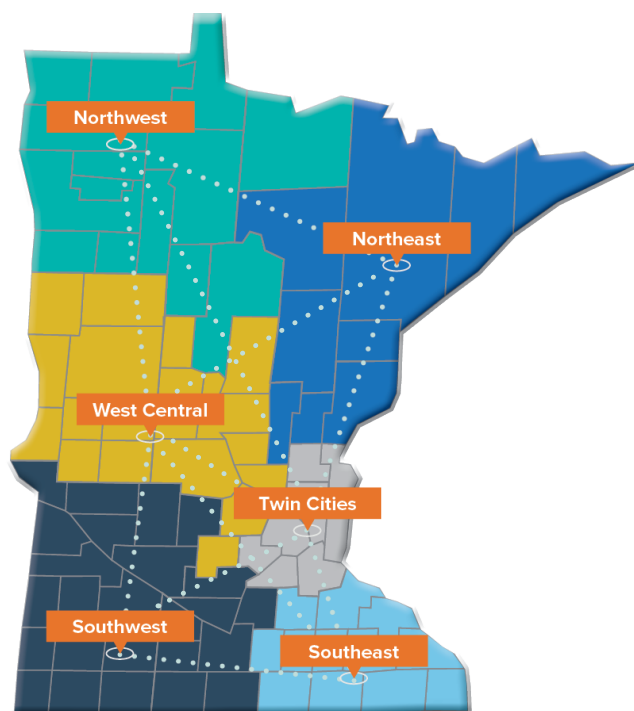
The Launch MN Network is working together to help startups save time accessing needed talent and resources. The goal is to improve coordination and capacity across the state's innovation ecosystem. [Please check out the organizations in your region.](#)

- › [Northwest: NoW Innovators](#)
- › [Northeast: 218 Innovate](#)
- › [West Central: Greater St. Cloud](#)
- › [Twin Cities:](#)
 - › [Forge North](#)
 - › [Social Impact Strategies](#)
- › [Southwest: Launch MN Southwest](#)
- › [Southeast: Entrepreneur 1st Collaborative](#)

● Statewide Partners

University of MN is our statewide partner, learn more about their programs at [MN Venture Builders](#).

- › [AURI](#)
- › [Grow North](#)
- › [Holmes Center of Entrepreneurship](#)
- › [MN Cup](#)
- › [SBIR/STTR Accelerator](#)
- › [UMN Technology Commercialization](#)
- › [UMN Extension](#)
- › [UMN Natural Resources Research Institute](#)



Industry Expertise:

Innovation encompasses a diverse swath of industries. Here are some technology industries in which Minnesota is an innovation leader. Also [listed are some industry-focused support organizations](#) and a few examples of some of our many large and small innovators.

Coworking Spaces:

Coworking spaces play an important role in our communities across the state. They address the needs of workers today and into the future. Here is a [list of spaces involved in Launch MN's coworking collaborative](#).

Resource Guides by Tech.MN:

- › [Entrepreneurial Education](#)
- › [Tech Education](#)
- › [Venture Capital](#)
- › [Bootcamps](#)

Newsletters focused on MN startup community:

- › [Launch MN](#)
- › [MinneInno](#)
- › [TechMN](#)

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Resources to Help Startups Take Off